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MEDIA ADVISORY

\$5 Billion in Trade Opportunities Available

Increased trade with the Lower Danube and Balkan region of Europe could mean new business for the Ohio River Valley

WHAT: Informational exchange and briefing on international trade and investment

opportunities in the Lower Danube and Balkan region of Eastern Europe. One of the visiting international guests is the Chairman of the Development Committee for the European Union representing 23 countries and \$300 billion in trade. The purpose of this exchange is to build closer ties with Romania, Serbia, and the entire Eastern European region to result in increased investment and trade with

Cincinnati. Also, this can generate significant new port and industrial development at various points along the entire Cincinnati Riverfront.

WHEN: Friday, May 3, 2002

11:30 a.m. Luncheon/Discussion

WHERE: Banker's Club

30th floor, Fifth Third Center

Downtown

PARTICIPANTS: Cincinnati City Manager Valerie Lemmie

City Councilmembers

Jack Rouse, Chair, Port of Greater Cincinnati Development Authority

Steve Massey, Equity Fund

The Port Group, Indianapolis, Indiana

Gheorghe Ciuhandu, Mayor, Timisoara, Romania Adzic Slobodan, City Manager, Pancevo, Serbia

Nick Vehr, Chamber of Commerce

Joseph Hale, Cinergy